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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
 VALLEY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.,
 AN ARIZONA CORPORATION, FOR A
 HEARING TO DETERMINE THE EARNINGS
 OF THE COMPANY, THE FAIR VALUE OF
 THE COMPANY FOR RATEMAKING
 PURPOSES, AND TO INCREASE
 RESIDENTIAL RATES AS NECESSARY TO
 COMPENSATE FOR THE RATE IMPACTS OF
 THE FCC'S USF/ICC TRANSFORMATION
 ORDER

DOCKET NO. T-01847A-13-0457

REVISED PROOF OF NOTICE

Arizona Corporation Commission

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1 Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc., hereby files proof that, on February 14, 2014, it
 2 provided the notice required by the January 23, 2014, Procedural Order in the above captioned
 3 docket.

4 Respectfully submitted on March 7, 2014.

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 Craig A. Marks, PLC
 10645 N. Tatum Blvd., Ste. 200-676
 Phoenix, Arizona 85028
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Original and 13 copies filed
 on March 7, 2014, with:

Docket Control
 Arizona Corporation Commission
 1200 West Washington
 Phoenix, Arizona 85007

BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

1. My name is Virgil Barnard.
2. I am employed by Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("Valley Telephone") as
3. Contracts and Compliance Manager.
4. My business address is 752 E Maley, Willcox, AZ. 85643 and my business phone
5. is 520-384-8932.
4. The January 24, 2014, Procedural Order in the above-captioned case provided a
7. form notice and required Valley Telephone to "mail to each of its customers a copy of the above
8. notice no later than February 14, 2013."
5. The purpose of this affidavit is to document compliance with this requirement of
10. the Procedural Order.
6. I caused to be prepared the customer notice required by the Procedural Order.
12. Exhibit A is a copy of the customer notice.

1 7. I prepared a current electronic customer mailing list and provided a copy of the
2 notice and mailing list to Arizona Jet Mail. On February 14, 2014, Arizona Jet Mail caused to be
3 mailed a copy of the customer notice to each customer on the mailing list. Exhibit B is a copy of
4 the Postage Statement provided by the United States Postal Service.

5 8. This completes my affidavit.

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8 Virgil Barnard
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11 STATE OF Arizona)
12) ss.
13 COUNTY of Cochise)

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16 Subscribed and sworn before me on March 5, 2014.

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18 Name: Pauline Cooke
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My Commission expires:



Exhibit A

PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE HEARING ON THE
APPLICATION OF COPPER VALLEY
TELEPHONE, INC. FOR AN INCREASE IN ITS RATES AND
CHARGES
(Docket No. T-02727A-13-0458)

On December 19, 2013, Copper Valley Telephone, Inc. ("Company") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission ") an application requesting authority to increase its residential monthly basic local access line rate from \$14.00 to the lower of \$19.00, or the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") approved residential rate floor.

On November 18, 2011, the FCC issued a comprehensive new Order. Among other things, the FCC's Order establishes that in order for the Company to continue receiving federal support funds, the Company's local residential monthly service rates must be increased to floor rates. The FCC determines the floor rate annually. If the Company's rates are not increased to the floor rate, the amount of federal support funds the Company receives will be reduced dollar-for-dollar for each customer by the difference between the existing local rate and the new FCC floor rate. The new FCC floor rate was not available at the time the application was filed, but is expected to be known in the first quarter of 2014.

The Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") is in the process of analyzing the application, and has not yet made any recommendations regarding the Company's proposed rates. The Commission will determine the appropriate relief to be granted based on the evidence presented by the parties. The Commission is not bound by the proposals made by the Company, Staff, or any intervenors. Therefore, the final rates approved by the Commission may be higher or lower than the rates requested by the Company.

How You Can View or Obtain a Copy of the Rate Application

Copies of the application and proposed rates are available by contacting Steve Metts, 752 E. Maley, Willcox, AZ 85643, at the Commission's Docket Control Center at 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007, for public inspection during regular business hours, and on the Internet via the Commission's website (www.azcc.gov) using the e-Docket function and Docket No. T-02727A-13-0458.

Arizona Corporation Commission Public Hearing Information

The Commission will hold a hearing on this matter beginning **March 27, 2014, at 1:00 p.m.**, at the Commission's offices, Room 222, 400 West Congress Street, Tucson, Arizona. Public comments will be taken at the beginning of the hearing. Written public comments may be submitted by mailing a letter referencing **Docket No. T-02727A-13-0458** to: Arizona Corporation Commission, Consumer Services Section, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007. If you require assistance, you may contact the Consumer Services Section at 602.542.4251 or 1.800.222.7000.

Interested parties may participate in this matter by (1) filing for intervention and becoming a formal party to the proceeding; or (2) submitting written or oral public comment. Any interested person may file written public comments regarding the Company's application in **Docket No. T-02727A-13-0458** at any time.

If you do not intervene in this proceeding, you will receive no further notice of the proceedings in this docket. **However, all documents filed in this docket are available online** (usually within 24 hours after docketing) at the Commission's website www.azcc.gov using the e-Docket function, located at the bottom of the website homepage. RSS feeds are also available through e-Docket.

About Intervention

You do not need to intervene if you want to appear at the hearing and provide public comment on the application, or if you want to file written comments in the record of the case.

Any person or entity entitled by law to intervene and having a direct substantial interest in the matter will be permitted to intervene. The granting of intervention entitles a party to present sworn evidence at hearing and to cross-examine other witnesses. **If you wish to intervene, you must file an original and 13 copies of a written motion to intervene with the**

Commission's Docket Control Center no later than March 7, 2014, and send a copy of the motion to the Company or its counsel and to all parties of record.

Contact information for the Company and parties of record may be obtained using the Commission's e-Docket Function and Docket No. T-02727A-13-0458. Your motion to intervene must contain the following:

1. Your name, address, and telephone number, and the name, address, and telephone number of any party upon whom service of documents is to be made, if not yourself;
2. A short statement of your interest in the proceeding (e.g., a customer of the Company, a shareholder of the Company, etc.); and
3. A statement certifying that you have mailed a copy of the motion to intervene to the Company or its counsel and to all parties of record in the case.

The granting of motions to intervene is governed by A.A.C. R14-3-105, except that all motions to intervene must be filed on or before March 7, 2014. For a sample intervention request form, go to <http://www.azcc.gov/divisions/utilities/FORMS/interven.pdf>. All parties must comply with Arizona Supreme Court Rules 31 and 38 and A.R.S. § 40-243 with respect to the practice of law.

If you do intervene, and wish to present direct testimony and associated exhibits at the hearing, you must, on or before March 18, 2014: (1) reduce your direct testimony and associated exhibits to writing, (2) file the original and 13 copies with the Commission's Docket Control Center by 4:00p.m., and (3) mail a copy to each party.

Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA")/Equal Access Information

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to its public meetings. Persons with a disability may request reasonable accommodations such as a sign language interpreter, as well as request this document in an alternative format, by contacting the ADA Coordinator, Shaylin Bernal, E-mail sabernal@azcc.gov, voice phone number 602-542-3931. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodations.



Dear Copper Valley Telephone Customer:

We are writing to inform you of upcoming changes to your telephone bill that are being proposed to take effect on June 1, 2014. As we have reported many times in the past, the Federal Universal Service Fund is a program that has been in place for many years that is designed to ensure rural subscribers have access to telecommunications services at rates that are comparable to those provided in urban areas. The fund provides support to rural telecommunications carriers by helping offset the high-cost of providing telecommunications service in rural areas.

As part of a recent reform and modernization of this plan, the Federal Communications Commission has established a minimum residential local service rate that must be charged in order for a telephone company to continue to receive the full amount of federal support funds. This is being done to provide comparability between urban and rural rates. . Within the next few months, the FCC is expected to announce the new minimum rate that must be in effect by June 1, 2014. We expect the rate to be no more than \$19.00. To comply with this decision and to maintain the full level of funding, we must raise the rate for residential local phone service from \$14.00 to the newly established minimum by June 1, 2014.

The Arizona Corporation Commission will be holding a public hearing on this request for change in rates on March 27, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. The formal notice is attached and is being mailed to all Copper Valley residential customers. This notice provides additional information about the application including the location for this hearing.

We value your business and if you have questions about this, you may contact us at (800) 421-5711.

Sincerely,

Steven D. Metts
CEO/General Manager

Exhibit B

CVT
LETTER

Company Detail	
Company Name	ARIZONA JET-MAIL F - TUCSON
Address	3710 E 43RD PL STE 101 TUCSON, AZ 85713-8809
Contact Name	RICK HECOX
Phone Number	(520)571-1329
Profit Indicator	P
PS Form 3607R - Mailing Transaction Receipt	
Account Holder Account Number	1183085
Account Holder Permit Number	541
Account Holder Permit Type	PI
Account Holder CRID	4650090
Post Office of Permit	TUCSON, AZ 85728-9853
Post Office of Mailing	TUCSON, AZ 85728-9853
Post Office of Permit Cost Center	038880-0990
Post Office of Mailing Cost Center	038880-0990
Mailing Agent Name	ARIZONA JET-MAIL F - TUCSON
Mailing Agent CRID	4650090
Mail Owner Name	
Mail Owner CRID	
JOB ID	
Customer Reference ID	
CAPS Transaction Number	N/A
Class of Mail	Standard Mail
Processing Category	Letters
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Mailing Group ID	130908757
Mailer's Mailing Date	02/14/2014
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Weight of a single-piece	0.0350 lbs.
Total Weight	70.3500 lbs.
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Total Adjusted Postage	\$ 516.32
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Mailer Figures Adjusted?	No
Person authorizing adjustment	
Name	
Phone Number	
Acceptance Site Mailer ID	
Clerk Initials	VAF
Mail Arrival Date and Time	02/14/2014 12:29

United States Postal Service
Postage Statement - Standard Mail

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Post Office: Note Mail Arrival
Date & Time (Do Not Round-Stamp)

Permit Holder Phone (520)-571-1329
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Arizona Jet-Mail Services
3710 E. 43rd Pl., Ste. 101
Tucson AZ 85713

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Valley Telecom
CVT Letter
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Willcox AZ 85644
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The mailer's signature certifies acceptance of liability for and agreement to pay any revenue deficiencies assessed on this mailing, subject to appeal. If an agent signs this form, the agent certifies that he or she is authorized to sign on behalf of the mailer and that the mailer is bound by the certification and agrees to pay any deficiencies. In addition, agents may be liable for any deficiencies resulting from matters within their responsibility, knowledge, or control. The mailer hereby certifies that all information furnished on this form is accurate, truthful, and complete; that the mail and the supporting documentation comply with all postal standards and the mailing qualifies for the prices and fees claimed; and that the mailing does not contain any matter prohibited by law or postal regulation. I understand that anyone who furnishes false or misleading information on this form or who omits information requested on this form may be subject to criminal and/or civil penalties, including fines and imprisonment. Privacy Notice: For information regarding our Privacy Policy visit www.usps.com.

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Arizona Jet-Mail Services
Robert Schrader

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(520)-571-1329
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(5) sufficient funds on deposit (if required)					
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